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Dear Interested Parties:

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (CANM) is accepting comments on a proposal to allow Kinder Morgan CO₂ Company, LLC, to develop the federally-owned minerals held by lease in Montezuma County. You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as a property owner within the project area or you may have an interest in the associated activities.

The BLM is preparing an Environmental Assessment to analyze the proposed action and alternatives to that action:

What: Kinder Morgan submitted an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) for drilling a new CO₂ production well on August 27, 2013, named HF4. The well would be on private surface/private minerals in an inholding on Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (CANM). Access would follow the existing County Rd Y to BLM Rd. 453 1a (see Figure 1), and require 700 feet of new road on private surface. The well was approved by the COGCC on September 27, 2013.

In May 2014, Kinder Morgan submitted a Sundry Notice to the BLM to construct a pipeline connecting this well to the HF Cluster (processing) Facility. This pipeline would cross approximately ¼ mile on private surface, and ¾ mile on CANM.

The **proposed action** would be for Kinder Morgan to construct the pipeline from HF4 to the HF Cluster facility. The connected action, the construction of the HF4 well pad and private access road and drilling of the HF4 well, would be analyzed in the Environmental Assessment, but would not require permit approval by BLM. The project would develop private minerals in the McElmo Dome lease unit.

Where: The well, well pad, new road and a portion of the connecting pipeline would be located on private lands in Section 1, Township 37 North, Range 19 West (see Figure 1). The remaining portion of the connecting pipeline would be located in Section 6, Township 37 North, Range 18 West. The project is located within the Kinder Morgan – McElmo Dome lease unit.

Disturbance: A new well pad with a temporary size of 5.7 acres would be constructed on private land, 1400 feet from the boundary of CANM. After drilling, interim reclamation would reduce the well pad size to 0.61 acres, by grading disturbed areas not necessary for operations to restore their original topography, and planting native species to restore vegetative cover.

Construction of the approximately 1-mile long pipeline would create approximately 6 acres of disturbance. Much of the ¾ mile on CANM surface would be constructed within an existing Resolute Energy Corporation pipeline right-of-way. After construction, the right-of-way would be reclaimed by grading disturbed areas and planting native species to restore vegetative cover.

Kinder Morgan would improve the existing access road from County Road Y to the proposed new well location by the addition of up to 12 inches of compacted gravel to the surface. They will

build a new access road on private land for 700 feet, creating approximately 0.3 acres of new disturbance. Kinder Morgan would also maintain the county roads from US Highway 491 to the private access road per agreement with Montezuma County Road and Bridge Department, commensurate with Kinder Morgan traffic levels.

When: Pending permit approvals, construction and drilling of the well and pipeline would begin approximately September 15, and would take about 5 months.

The purpose of the project is to develop private minerals associated with Kinder Morgan's lease unit.

Comment regarding the project should be submitted via email or hard copy by July 6, 2014 to:

BLM Tres Rios Field Office
Attn: Tracy Perfors
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This letter also requests your comments, if any, on the potential effects to historic properties. This request is made to satisfy consultation requirements with local governments pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this proposal, please contact Tracy Perfors, BLM Natural Resource Specialist, at (970) 882-6856.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personally identifiable information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sincerely,



Marietta Eaton

Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Manager

